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Applicants: Badovinatz et al.

Serial No.: Group Art Unit (Parent): 2151

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Title: PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR AN APPLICATION PROGRAMMING  
INTERFACE UNIFYING MULTIPLE MECHANISMS

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Dear Sir:

In response to a final Office Action dated August 29, 2000 in the parent case (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/959,967), rejected claims 1-6 were canceled without prejudice. This continuation application addresses those rejected claims from the parent case, which is still pending. Kindly preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 1, replace the second paragraph, lines 10-16, with the following paragraph:

--This Application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/959,967, filed on October 24, 1997, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/641,454, filed on April 30, 1996, now abandoned, and relates to the following commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications, each of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety:--

At page 1, line 19, after "Serial No." insert --08/640,218--

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